

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested. Claims 1-23, 30-35, 37, 39-41, and 46-50 have previously been canceled from this application. Claim 54 has been amended herein. Claims 24-29, 36, 38, 42-45, and 51-56 are presently pending, with claims 24, 28, 42, and 51 being independent.

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.


The present amendment is being filed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.312. It is particularly noted that this amendment is being filed before payment of the issue fee. Furthermore, the amendment to claim 54 made herein simply serves to correct a minor typographical error discovered during Applicant's review of the application. Thus, the present amendment merely places the application in a more correct and accurate format. There is no reason, nor has any request been made, for withdrawing this application from issue.

Should the Examiner have any questions, please contact the undersigned at (800) 445-3460. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0522.

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